

Video and Activity 2: “Extreme Weather and Health Care Infrastructure”

Watch “Extreme Weather and Health Care Infrastructure”

Activity: Perspective Taking

This activity provides the opportunity for friendly debate on an issue.

One of the Red Cliff health care workers mentions this example:

Northern Wisconsin experienced extreme rainfall in which the Bad River peaked at just over 27 feet, the highest flood stage ever recorded. This amounted to a 1,000-year flood, which in theory means it has a 1 in 1000 shot of happening in any given year. In Ashland County, the city of Glidden saw numerous properties and roadways affected. With all of the backroads washed out, they only had one bridge to get in and out of town. The effects of the failed bridges, such as patients not being able to access health care, and homes being destroyed, were discussed in the video.

Divide the room into groups of 3 or 4 and discuss the example above. Ask the groups to discuss the issues, and following questions for 10 minutes and attempt to find common ground.

1. Who are stakeholders in this case study?
2. What are the biggest health concerns with failed roadways?
3. When comparing 100-year, 500-year, and 1000-year flood bridges, the cost is exponentially more the higher that the bridge can withstand. Is it worth building every bridge to withstand the highest flood amount when considering limited budgets communities have? Think about your own community in these examples.
4. From a community health perspective, what are the most important things to consider in this example?

Reconvene and ask each group to describe their conversation. What did they think of the case? Were they able to agree on a consensus? Why or why not?

Optional: Share these answers on the Facilitator’s Google doc under Discussion questions.